(i) Introduction of positive battery metering in cross-bar exchanges.

(iif Provision of automatic switch; over of day and night traffic.

(iii) Reduction of forced release period on called subscriber-held conditions from 1 to 2 minutes to 10 to 20 seconds in case of subscriber's dialled trunk calls.

(iv) Introduction of 500 milli-secconds, delay in trunk automatic exchanges for recognition of called subscriber answer conditions; and

(v) Routine testing of subscriber meter.

3. To safeguard the interest of subscribers and to prevent mischievous elements from tempering with the meter or line the following additional measures have been taken;

(1) Sealing of meters.

(2 Locking of meter rooms.

(3) Restriction of entry into MDF. Room (Main Distribution Frame Room).

(4) Rasing of distribution points.

(5) Locking of distribution points.

Suicides committed in Metropolitan Cities

3130. DR. MOHD. HASHIM **KIDWAI;** Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of suicides committed in metropolitan cities of the country from January, 1985 till September, 1986; and

(b) the details of steps proposed to be taken by the Government in this Tegard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): ('a) A statement is enclosed. (See below).

(b) Necessary preventive steps are taken to check the crime whers it comes to notice before its committal.

Statement

Number of suicides committed in the Metropolitan cities of the Country from Jan' uary, 85 //// *Sept.* 86

Metropolitan Cities	January, 85 to Decern, ber, 1985	January, 86 to Septem-ber, 1986
Ahmedabad.	**171**	162
Bangalore.	411	252
Bombay.	423	160
Calcutta..	128	85*
Delhi...	410 74	
Hyderabad.	184	
Jaipur...	45	
Kanpur..	255 20	
Lucknow • •	72	
Madras..	718	60
Nagpur •.	194	9t
Pune...	165	**137**
TOTAL...	3176	**1641**

NOTE: (1) Figures may be treated as provisional.

(2) Dash(—) indicates the Nil Information.

(3) "Upto August, 1986.

Coverage of U. P. Districts by the T. V. network

3131. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be please^ to state:

(a) what is the number of districts in U. P. which are not covered by the T. V. network till September, 1986;

(b) by when these districts are likely to be covered by the T. V. network; and

(c) what are the details of T. V. facilities proposed to be transacted to these districts during the Seventh Five Year Plan period?